

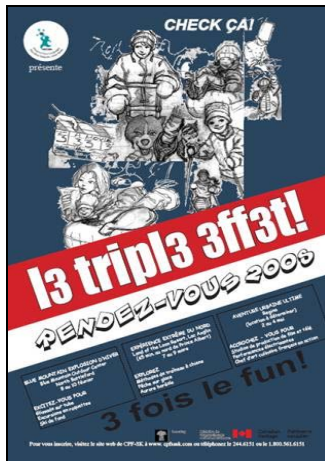
Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan

Chapter Chat



January 2008

RENDEZ-VOUS 2008 in avant-première Le triple effet



This year CPF-SK is hosting **three** *Rendez-vous* in three different regions instead of just one provincial gathering as we have done in the past. The concept of “The Triple Effect” or “*13 tripl3 3ff3t!*” for *Rendez-vous* 2008 is very exciting as it has opened up a broad range of new venues. Three different settings were designed, offering a variety of experiences for our youth. The first event, **Blue Mountain Snow Blast**, will be held in North Battleford and will be about winter fun. **Extreme Northern Experience** will be a second adventure located at Anglin Lake, 45 minutes north of Prince Albert. Finally, **Ultimate Urban Adventure**, in Regina, will allow for cultural escapades in the beautiful

capital of Saskatchewan. *Rendez-vous* is designed for students in grades 6 to 8 who are enrolled in French immersion and intensive French programs anywhere in Saskatchewan. These quality programs are facilitated by qualified French speaking monitors, hired by Canadian Parents for French-Saskatchewan.

Information has been sent to all French immersion schools and CPF members. Please encourage your children to participate in these exiting events.

For further details, please check our website at www.cpf-sask.com

Grades 6-9 Grant Program

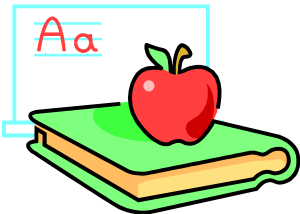


AMOs and chapters are encouraged to apply for funding to develop extracurricular or enrichment projects for grades 6-9. Priority will be given to local activities within Saskatchewan. Please note that funding will not be provided for prizes and commemorative items. Projects should benefit the students in as many of the following ways as possible:

- Enhance their French language skills,
- Make them more aware of Canadian Francophone culture and history within Saskatchewan,
- Make them more aware of French as the day-to-day language of millions of Canadians,
- Spotlight and support French-speaking residents of local communities and their culture and language,
- Encourage them to study French at the secondary school level,
- Sensitize them to the career and personal enrichment opportunities available to Canadians who have a good knowledge of French,
- Foster a sense of belonging towards a bilingual Canada, and
- Provide a meeting place where Francophone and Anglophone young people can communicate in French.

Applications for amounts up to \$1,000 will be considered. The deadline for application is February 16, 2008 for projects taking place between April 1 and August 31, 2008. Currently we are accepting applications for projects between January 1 and March 31, 2008.

Kindergarten Information Nights



Schools have begun to host French immersion kindergarten information events. Now it is time to show how will your chapter be involved in promoting French second-language education. Potential French immersion parents need to hear from other parents. Contact your school and ask if you can make a brief presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity for CPF chapters to promote French immersion programs and increase the visibility of CPF at the same time.

French Second-Language Education Week
February 4-8, 2008

Parler français c'est super cool / Speaking French is so cool
How are you celebrating?

Chapter reports

The deadline for the chapter reports has been extended to February 8, 2008. For those who have not sent their article yet, please submit it by e-mail, fax or mail to CPF-SK office as soon as you can. We would like to insert your recent activities and projects in our upcoming newsletter.

Concours d'art oratoire – 2008

Concours 2008 is off and running. Information packages have been sent to all schools that have requested them. Dates you should be aware of are:

March 21 All School Finals should be complete and winners' names sent to CPF-SK.

April 4 All Divisional finals should be complete and winners' names sent to CPF-SK.

April 26 Provincial finals for grades 6-12 at E.D.Feehan High School in Saskatoon.

May 31 National finals for winners of grade 11-12 competitions to be held in Ottawa.

Please encourage your local students in both French immersion and core French to participate.

Fête du soleil

It's not too early to begin thinking about the summer. Call Mihaela Giurgiu and let her know about your two choices to reserve your week for *Fête du soleil*. The dates available for this event are:

July 7-August 22

Please note that the Board of Directors has decided to discontinue *Camp ultime*. Therefore, the two summer weeks reserved for *Camp ultime* will be replaced by *Fête du soleil*.

New Staff

CPF-SK is pleased to welcome Kelli Timmerman as the new Administrative Assistant. Kelli is a graduate of the University of Calgary in General Studies with a minor in French. She fully supports French as a second-language and is ready to network with all of you. Kelli is taking care of the phone calls, website design, newsletter development and other tasks of office administration. Please give her a warm welcome!

Contact information – CPF-SK Office Staff

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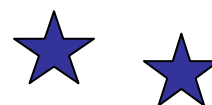
Administrative Assistant: Kelli Timmerman: cpf.sk.admin@sasktel.net

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The e-mail address for general inquiries remains the same: cpfsask@sasktel.net



Calendar of Events



February 2008

1 Registration deadline for Rendez-vous: Blue Mountain Snowblast/*Blue Mountain explosion d'hiver*)

4-8 French Second Language Education Week

9 Branch Board Meeting

8-10 Rendez-vous at Blue Mountain, North Battleford, SK: Blue Mountain Snowblast/*Blue Mountain explosion d'hiver*

- 8-10** West Are We Going? / *Ouest qu'on va?* (Association jeunesse fransaskoise)
- 16** 6-9 grant application deadline for projects taking place between April 1 and August 31, 2008
- 21** International Mother Language Day
- 28-29** Francophone Film Festival *Cinergie* - Broadway Theatre
- 29** Registration deadline for Rendez-vous: Extreme Northern Experience/ *Expérience extrême du nord*

March 2008

- 1** Francophone Film Festival *Cinergie* - Broadway Theatre
- 7** Alphabet in images/Alphabet en image (SEFFA)
- 7-9** Rendez-vous at Land of the Loon/Anglin Lake, SK: Extreme Northern Experience/*Expérience extrême du nord*
- 11** 20th Edition of *Grande dictée* (SEFFA)
- 15** Mini Rendez-vous (Lloydminster)
- 20** International Francophone Day/*Journée internationale de la Francophonie*
- 31** CPF-SK Institut Français Bursary application deadline

April 2008

- 5** Mini Rendez-vous (Prince Albert)
- 13** Mini Rendez-vous (Regina)
- 25** Registration deadline for Rendez-vous: Ultimate Urban Adventure/*Aventure urbaine ultime*
- 26** *Concours d'art oratoire*, CPF-SK (Saskatoon)
- 26-27** Branch Board Meeting

May 2008

- 2-4** Rendez-vous in Regina: Ultimate Urban Adventure/*Aventure urbaine ultime*
- 8** *Francofièvre* (Saskatoon)
- 15** International Day of Families
- 16-17** Battle of the Bands/*RAMDAM*, (Association jeunesse fransaskoise)
- 21** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 31** National *Concours d'art oratoire*, CPF National (University of Ottawa)

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